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In re patent application of

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Examiner: Shew Fen Lin

For: METHOD, SYSTEM AND RECORDING MEDIUM FOR MAINTAINING THE ORDER OF NODES IN A HIERARCHICAL DOCUMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elects the invention of Group I (e.g., drawn to a method to build an auxiliary ordered tree as defined by claims 1-7 and 14-28), with traverse. Applicants reserve the opportunity to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected invention later.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement for the following reasons. Although Groups I and II are classified in different classes and subclasses, the Examiner's search with regard to both the Group I and Group II claims would be coextensive, such that there would be no additional searching burden placed on the PTO in the examination of both the Group I and II claims in the same application.

For the above reasons, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the Restriction Requirement, and examine both the Group I and II claims in the same application.

Early, favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed

below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

A conditional petition is made for any extension of time which may become necessary. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees for such extension and to credit any overpayment in fees to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully Submitted,



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